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PATENT

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Application of :  
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Hideto HIDAKA, et al. :  
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Serial No.: Continuation of Appl. No.  
10/163,468 : Group Art Unit:  
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Filed: April 2, 2004 : Examiner:  
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For: SEMICONDUCTOR MEMORY DEVICE

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

Prior to examination of the above-referenced application, please amend the application as follows:

**IN THE SPECIFICATION:**

**On Page 1, after the title, insert the following paragraph:**

--This application is a continuation of Application Serial No. 10/163,468, filed June 7, 2002, which is a divisional of Application Serial No. 09/860,795, filed, May 21, 2001, which is a divisional of Application Serial No. 09/168,962 filed October 9, 1998, which is a continuation of Application Serial No. 08/899,143, filed July 23, 1997, now U.S. Patent No. 5,943,273, which is a continuation of 08/312,968, filed September 30, 1994, now U.S. Patent No. 5,687,123.--